

The book *The Breadwinner* and, Anthony Burgess's *A Clockwork Orange*, are two completely different books with different settings but the two characters in both books, (Alex DeLarge, and Parvana) share some of the same characteristics. While *The Breadwinner* takes place in Afghanistan during the Taliban-Era and *A Clockwork Orange* takes place in an unknown part of the future, Both settings take place in an uncivilized society. In *A Clockwork Orange* Alex and his droogs (a word for "gang") rule the streets of a futuristic England, where the government has angered the people and crime is very common. *The Breadwinner* Takes place in 1996 when the Taliban had taken control of Afghanistan. Many people's lives were destroyed in seconds. Women and girls were not allowed to leave their homes without a man or boy. Women were also not allowed to attend school. The similarities between the two main conflicts in each story's society are different but at the same time. The setting has some similarities in both books but so do the characters.

For example Alex is very rebellious and is willing to put himself in a life or death situation. Similar to how Parvana is willing to dress as a boy knowing that she could be beaten, in order to provide food for her family while her father is in jail. The two books also have major differences. *A Clockwork Orange* takes place in the future while *The Breadwinner* takes place in the past. In *The Breadwinner* Parvana resembles a gentle girl trying to help her family, while Alex resembles a psychotic violent human being that is very destructive and will kill without thinking. The setting is the main thing that the both books share in common while there are little connections between the characters. *A Clockwork Orange* was a very good book and gave each of the characters their own unique identity.